there are private people living there, how the entry is made, what type of people come there. In spite of that, if the Ministry says 'yes', it is good; you are on safe ground.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir,...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have put your question. He has understood it.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: If it is a question of security hazard, it cannot be let out for private occupancy, whether it is a hotel board or whoever it is. How can it be, from that point of view, allowed to be used by certain officials? That means that private visitors can also visit there.

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : होम मिनिस्ट्री ने इस बात की इजाजत दी है कि आप जिम्मेवार अफसर हैं आप रह सकते हैं।

श्री सभापति : विजिटर्स की बात कर रहे हैं।

श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : यह जिम्मेवारी उन अफसरों की है। होम मिनिस्ट्री ने इसमें कोई एतराज किसी लैवल पर कभी भी नहीं किया। जब पहले प्रधान मंत्री वहां रहते थे और जब सेक्योरिटी का रिस्क बहुत ज्यादा था तब भी एतराज नहीं किया।

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: What is the Minister saying?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Minister says that the Ministry of Tourism is depending on the Home Ministry in this matters because security is under the Home Ministry.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: The Home Ministry didn't decide that it could be used by visitors.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The question is whether those rooms are meant to be let out for people who are...

SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU: Those rooms are not meant to be let out.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Mr. Chairman...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You write to me if you want to ask anything more. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of Beach Tourism in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu

*306. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to develop beach tourism in Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu in order to boost tourist traffic;

(b) whether any plan has been worked out in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what concessions are proposed to be made available to the private sector for setting up hotels at these tourist centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) and (b) Ministry of Tourism in consultation with State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu have sanctioned a number of projects for development of beach resorts in the two States.

In Andhra Pradesh, Ministry has sanctioned 12 cottages for construction at Rishikonda and have provided financial assistance for purchase of water sports equipment.

In Tamil Nadu the following projects were sanctioned by the Ministry:

(a) Kanyakumari : 8 beach cottage alongwith tourists amenities at Bathing Ghats and a cafeteria; Floodlighting of Vivekanada Rock

Memorial and a Ferry Launch to facilitate tourist between Kanyakumari and Vivekananda Rock Memorial.

(b) Mamallapuram : A tourist complex and a project for landscaping.

(c) Muttukadu : Water sports facilities.

(d) Pichavaram : Restaurant Block.

(e) Cuddulore : Tourist Complex.

(f) Poompuhar : Visitors waiting hall.

(g) Nagapattinam: Yatri Niwas.

(h) Rameshwaram : Tourist Reception Centre.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism provides interest subsidy on loans sanctioned by IFCI/TFCI for approved hotel projects. Interest subsidy of 3 per cent is provided for 1, 2 & 3 Star category hotel projects and 1 per cent of interest subsidy is provided for 4 & 5 Star category hotel projects. Approved hotels commissioned by December, 1993 in selected places not having more than 300 rooms of 3-Star category, would be exempted from expenditure tax and 50 per cent from Income Tax for a period of 10 years. Hotel resorts would be permitted to be constructed 200 mts. away from high tide line.

Export of Raw Silk

*307. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantum of raw silk exported during the last three years, and how much foreign exchange was earned thereby, yearwise;

(b) what is the plan for boosting silk export and what target has been fixed in this regard for the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what is the extent of monetary benefit that has been passed on to the silk growers during the period mentioned in part (a) above, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) There have been no exports of raw silk during the last three years. In view of the adequate demand of raw silk for manufacture of silk goods both for indigenous and export sectors, the export of raw silk is not encouraged and hence there are no plans for boosting its export during the VIII Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

Recommendations of the National Committee on Tourism

*308. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations made by the National Committee on Tourism some time back;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when these recommendations are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In general, the recommendations found to be useful though some of them were not feasible